

Border Eagle

Laughlin Air Force Base, Texas ... Together we 'XL'



Air Power
Quote of the Week

"The measure of air power is the ability of a nation to exploit air-space."

—Arthur Radford

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Town hall meeting held

By Senior Airman Brad Pettit
Editor

About 80 Laughlin people attended the Wednesday town hall meeting hosted by Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, at the base theater.

The wing commander discussed current Laughlin issues, challenges and the direction the base is heading, as well as listened to feedback and concerns from the base community.

One issue people raised is the state of the Del Rio educational system. A parent asked about the possibility of base children attending schools in Brackettville.

"A Texas state law prohibits that possibility," Rosborg said. "But we are taking initiatives to get the attention of Del Rio school district officials. We have gained access to school board meetings, and Laughlin is represented at all of them. I have met with the superintendent of

schools, and I genuinely believe he wants to help. However, I need to know specific problems and issues to pass on to him."

Another attendee said he was concerned with the behavior of some base children on school buses — even while on base.

"If there are problems on the buses while they are on Laughlin, it is my responsibility," Rosborg said. "I will do anything within my power to protect the kids. I expect parents to inform me or the vice commander when an issue concerning their child's safety occurs."

Another question concerned whether civilians on base are allowed to use the base exchange dry cleaners.

"Only authorized BX patrons can use the cleaners on base," said Lt. Col. Kevin Illsley, 47th Support Group Deputy Commander. "There

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Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Successful contracting

Sylvia Garza, 47th Contracting Squadron contracting officer, hangs the Air Education and Training Command Outstanding Contracting Team Award at the contracting squadron Tuesday. The award recognized members of the 47th CONS and Laughlin Civil Service Aircraft Maintenance for excellence in contracting acquisition. The contracting squadron and LCSAM also received the David Packard Excellence in Acquisition Award for their work during the Engine Regional Repair Center source selection.

New contractor named for base operating support

By Jim Teet

Public Affairs

Air Education and Training Command has announced that Trend Western Technical Corp., Fullerton, Calif., has been awarded a contract to provide base operating support services here beginning April 1.

The services for Laughlin include operations and maintenance, environmental, site maintenance, transportation, supply, airfield

management, grounds maintenance and fuels. The amount of the fixed-price contract, to include an award fee, is \$11,342,612. The contract is subject to renewal based upon contractor performance and the need for the services to continue.

The Trend Western team includes Trend Western as the prime contractor and provider of logistics requirements; Del-Jen, Inc., as the operations and maintenance provider; and

T-Square Logistics Services Corp. as the airfield operations manager. Trend Western replaces Eagle Aviation Services and Technology, Inc., which has provided these contracted services since Oct. 1, 1996.

The contract was originally announced by AETC in August 2001. However, an appeal of the rating criteria led to a re-evaluation of the 13 original bidders, resulting in the contract being awarded to Trend Western.

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Commanders' Corner

By **Col. Paul Ackerley**
47th Operations Group Commander

Everyone is important to mission

Think your job/position/duty is unimportant to the success of your work center, flight, squadron, group and wing? Think again.

After four months in command, I have relearned that command and leadership require delegation and trust. The span of control for most commanders, supervisors and non-commissioned officers makes day-to-day control of every aspect of their mission impossible. The only way to guarantee mission success is to assign officers, enlisted and civilians to key mission areas, provide needed resources and a vision for mission execution, define the standards of excellence required and put a chain of command in place to foster communication and leadership.

That is why within the operation group I have squadron commanders, a chief of maintenance, flight commanders, functional chiefs, NCOICs, program managers, crew chiefs, Squadron Aviation Resource Manag-

ers and Radar Approach Control controllers, all of whom are required to execute our mission of graduating the world's best pilots.

Think your job/position/duty is unimportant, wastes your time, is not worthy of your talent, is not career enhancing? Think again.

Early in my career, I was an assistant project officer, grade book officer, chief of resource procurement (snacko), computer officer, air show coordinator and assistant flight scheduler. These positions did two important things for me. First, through my performance they validated the trust placed in me by my supervisors. With this validated trust, supervisors and commanders were willing to place more responsibility on my shoulders, give me direction and then walk away with confidence. These positions also built the foundation and expertise required for leadership positions later in my career.

Think your job/position/duty is un-

important, not understood by your supervisor, not appreciated by your NCOIC or commander? Think again.

There is no job/position/duty on this base that doesn't contribute to our ability to accomplish the 47th Flying Training Wing mission, either directly or indirectly. Your NCOICs, supervisors and commanders understand that. They understand because they were once in your shoes. They understand because they know that the foundation of mission success is the dedicated service of all those who are not NCOICs, supervisors or commanders.

Each duty in a career, whether visibly significant or quietly performed, enables daily mission execution, readies you for the advancement and prepares you to lead in the future. Remember, where the mission is involved there is no unimportant duty; where the total force or their families are involved, there is no unimportant duty; where delegation and trust are involved, there is no unimportant duty.

Top Three Talk

By **Master Sgt. Eliseo Cabalu**

47th Medical Support Squadron medical logistics NCOIC



Opportunities plentiful in Air Force

Growing up near Clark Air Base in the Philippines influenced my decision to join the Air Force. It was always exciting to see sharply dressed "air police" directing incoming base traffic and watch flightline operations launch and recover F-4 Phantom fighter jets. It made me eager to join this professional team. So, I enlisted when my family relocated to San Diego in 1985.

Due to the limited available career choices when I signed up, the Air Force offered to train me in medical

logistics. My job combines base supply and contracting, but it is more focused on management of unique materials and services required to support all medical operations.

At first, I was unsure if this was the job for me, but as time passed, I came to realize its direct impact on the overall Air Force mission. This was manifested during operations Just Cause, Fiery Vigil, Desert Shield/Storm and, recently, Enduring Freedom. It gives me a great sense of satisfaction knowing I am a part of the terrific organization that sup-

ported these operations.

I made a conscious decision to make the Air Force a career because I couldn't think of any other organization that matched the educational benefits, travel opportunities, job security and overall retirement benefits.

Since I've been in the service, there are a few lessons I have learned that I wish to share with the younger troops stationed at Laughlin Air Force Base.

■ Be positive and adapt to every

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"Excellence – not our goal, but our standard."

– 47th FTW motto

FPCON Bravo

Laughlin is currently in Force Protection Condition Bravo. All people should remain vigilant and report suspicious activity to security forces at 298-5100.

Don't let apathy replace empathy

By Tech. Sgt. Roger Drinnon

81st Training Wing Public Affairs

KEESLER AIR FORCE BASE, Miss. — Sometimes television news can make us numb — we're inundated with so much violence, scandal and dysfunction. However, with regards to the war on terrorism, we Americans, and especially service members, can't afford to grow numb to the atrocities of Sept. 11, 2001.

Although some might believe the video footage of the events of Sept. 11 has been shown too much, I don't think we can allow those images to be dulled in our minds. We can't afford to lose our empathy with the victims and their loved ones.

Before you grow weary of those somewhat redundant newscasts, consider this: Innocent non-combatants were slaughtered, and the masterminds behind these hate-crimes dare to see themselves as warriors, martyrs and among the religiously enlightened. Most of all, the threat of radical terrorists escalating such attacks will remain for some time to come. The war on terrorism will be a protracted conflict that challenges our resolve

to be tenacious in the long-term.

Imagine what it was like going to work and being murdered simply because you worked at the World Trade Center. Imagine the heroic rescue workers who made the ultimate sacrifice.

Imagine what it was like for passengers on United Flight 93 when they realized their plane was going to be crashed into the nation's capital, possibly even the White House. They knew their deaths were imminent. Some passengers had the courage to challenge the terrorists and send the plane into a field 80 miles southeast of Pittsburgh. Imagine how their loved ones felt, exchanging their last words via cellular or airplane phones.

Imagine the children who will grow up without one of their parents. Imagine the pain of the parents who lost their children. Imagine the spouses who lost their partners for life.

I'll never forget, nor let apathy set in simply because the situation has been stabilized. We fight this good fight, not to vindicate those who were murdered, but to save lives in the future.

What we need is long-term empathy, not apathy.

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situation. Change is the only permanent thing in the world.

Laughlin is unique because of the challenges imposed by its location. It doesn't represent the typical Air Force installation, but it does have good qualities. All dorm residents on this base have their own private quarters. This base is also the perfect environment to complete your 5- and 7-level Career Development Courses or obtain a college degree since there are fewer distractions.

You will eventually move on to a new assignment and realize Laughlin made you look at things in a different light and you became a better person from the experience.

■ Know your job inside and out. Supervisors empower those who have the required technical competence and inner drive to succeed. There's nothing more frustrating to a technician and a supervisor than to constantly peer over someone's shoulders to ensure he is doing the job properly. Make it a habit to read Air Force instructions, technical

orders, manuals or any official guidance on how to accomplish your duties. The key is to know where to look for the information needed. If you discover a procedure being done incorrectly, politely bring it to the immediate attention of your supervisor for resolution. A good supervisor will normally respect you for keeping him out of trouble. Supervisors just love it when you initiate things that make your tasks user-friendly, efficient and cost-effective. Co-workers and supervisors will talk about the caliber of your performance while on station and your legacy after you depart. Know what is expected of you, do the job right, and get the recognition you deserve.

■ Always embrace challenges. I was very new to the Air Force when my supervisor, a Vietnam veteran and ex-crew chief, sat down with me to resolve major problems affecting our \$5 million medical war reserve materiel (WRM) assets. I knew little about air transportable hospitals, blood transshipment centers or biological/chemical warfare antidotes. I had little training on these procedures and neither did

my supervisor, a retrainee in the career field. But, he was sincere and shared his limited knowledge of the program and solicited my help. Even with limited knowledge, he stated I could make a valuable contribution if I did my best. His vote of confidence drove me to learn everything there was to know about WRM. Several months later, our workcenter passed a stringent Air Force-level inspection with no discrepancies. I believe this made me very independent in the early stages of my career.

■ Observe your leaders in action. Leaders determine the work center pace and tone. Everyone is accountable for his actions, but leaders answer for both their actions and their subordinates' actions.

Leadership is the most challenging task an individual will ever experience. Regardless of the type of leader you might encounter, there is always a valuable lesson to be learned. One day you will be a leader, so be wise and sensitive when choosing your leadership style because your influence will have far-reaching consequences.

Actionline 298-5351

This column is one way to work through problems that haven't been solved through normal channels. By leaving your name and phone number, you are assured of a timely personal reply. If you give your name, we will make every attempt to ensure confidentiality when appropriate. If your question relates to the general interest of the people of Laughlin, the question and answer may also be printed in the Border Eagle.



Rick Rosborg
Col. Rick Rosborg
47th FTW Commander

Commissary lines

Actionline: My wife has been to a number of base exchange and commissary improvement meetings, and she's mentioned several times the long lines in the commissary. I went to the commissary recently and stood in line for 30 minutes because there were only two registers open. They finally opened a third register to help out because the lines were back past the freezers.

Answer: Recently the commissary has been plagued with severe personnel shortages. Three recruitment actions have been submitted for the additional cashiers who are desperately needed. In the meantime, the commissary is using people from other departments to help operate the registers. Fortunately, this problem should be resolved by the end of March, which is when new cashiers should be on the job.

Airmanship

Intended to help all airmen articulate the Air Force's vision of aerospace power

What is control?

Control is the ability to maintain awareness of military planning and execution and the ability to adjust these actions while they occur. It involves the ability to organize and employ forces, assign tasks to those forces, determine objectives and give appropriate direction to see that those tasks achieve the objectives.



Photo by Senior Airman Brad Pettit

Legacy and honor

Joni Jordan, Black Heritage Committee chairperson, presents an historical blanket to Tymme Mitchell, keynote speaker for the 25th Annual Black History Month banquet, at the Fiesta Community Center Saturday. Mitchell spoke on the African-American legacy, as well as the accomplishments contemporary people have made for the recognition of all races.

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is no waiver authority unless the civilians live on base."

One woman expressed a concern about the Tricare-assigned obstetrics doctor in Del Rio. She commented on the significant amount of patients the doctor has, the delays that result, and whether or not getting an alternate choice was a possibility.

Col. Kenneth DesRosier, 47th Medical Group Commander, invited base women to discuss with him any problems they have with the doctor, and said he would appropriately address their concerns. However, he said it would be difficult to get another OB doctor.

"We are looking in to reimbursing OB doctors at a higher rate, [which would

attract more doctors to the Tricare network]," said DesRosier. "But this is a tough nut to crack because of Tricare."

Rosborg also touched on the possibility of improving base services and activities.

"We are working on adding new services, including showing movies at the base theater," he said. "But, we must remember that, if our services aren't used, they will be closed."

A Top 3 member asked about a recent policy requiring senior noncommissioned officers to supervise young airmen at Club Amistad.

"Our young airmen are allowed to drink on base at 18," said Rosborg. "At that age, they need supervision. I rely on noncommissioned officers and officers to do this."

Park University registers

Park University will register for the Spring 2 term now through March 15 at the education office.

For more information, call Vikki Cunningham or Damon Williams at 298-3061 or 5593.

Marriage celebration set

A chapel-sponsored dinner celebrating and honoring the unity of marriage will be held at 6:30 p.m. Saturday at Club XL.

Complimentary portraits will be taken, and there will be live entertainment, games and door prizes. Tickets are available at the chapel or by calling 298-7691 after 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$12.50 per person.

The buffet menu includes oven-baked chicken cordon bleu, six pepper-grilled chicken breasts, carved baron of beef, salad and wedding cake.

The child development center will be open during this time. Reservations can be made by calling the CDC at 298-5419.

For details on the dinner, call 298-5111.

Spouses club meets

An Enlisted Spouses Club meeting will be held at 6:30 p.m. Tuesday at the Fiesta Community Center.

All enlisted spouses and single enlisted active-duty members are encouraged to join.

For more information, call 298-2180.

Newsline

Women's health fair set

A women's health and wellness fair is being sponsored by the health and wellness center, Fiesta Community Center and 47th Medical Group from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. March 21 at the Fiesta Community Center. There will be several educational centers on a variety of topics, demonstrations and light snacks on hand.

For more information, call Maj. Nina Watson at 298-6464.

Volunteers needed

Volunteers are needed to help with the 31st Annual Commander's Golf Tournament April 19-21. This three-day event boasts 36 holes of golf and includes past wing commanders, squadron commanders and many from the local business community. A banquet will be held the evening of April 20. Various positions are available.

For more information, call Capt. Sean McGlynn at 298-4370.

Couples class meets

A couples communication class is being held Fridays from 3 to 4:30 p.m. in the 47th Medical Group's Military Equal Opportunity office. Four

sessions will be held.

The class is designed to increase one's understanding of partner communication. The next class begins in April.

For more information, call the life skills clinic at 298-6422.

Stress class scheduled

Stress management classes will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. Tuesdays in the 47th Medical Group's Military Equal Opportunity office. Four sessions will be held.

The class is designed to teach people how to recognize stress and work to manage it. The next class will begin in April.

For more information, call the life skills clinic at 298-6422.

Airmen forming group

Airmen and junior noncommissioned officers looking to make a difference are forming an Airmen Against Drunk Driving group at Laughlin.

For more information or to volunteer, call Staff Sgt. Daniel Thiel at 298-4872.

Scholarships available

Park University is offering the Military Family Scholarship and the McAfee Library Scholarship.

For more information, call Vikki Cunningham or Damon Williams at 298-3061 or 5593.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

American Red Cross Month

(From left) Tech. Sgt. Neil Fultz, Red Cross instructor, Donitta O'Keefe, Red Cross instructor, Richard Pratt, Red Cross volunteer, Jane Pratt, Red Cross branch manager, Col. Rick Rosborg, 47th Flying Training Wing Commander, Lt. Col. Kevin Illsley, 47th Support Group Deputy Commander, Rosa Escobeda, Red Cross volunteer, and Caroline Clark, Red Cross volunteer, pose for a photo following the signing of a Red Cross proclamation in the wing commander's office Wednesday. Col. Rosborg signed the proclamation to declare that Laughlin would support Del Rio Mayor Dora Alcala's declaration that March be named American Red Cross Month.

Thinking about getting out? Think again!

Call Master Sgt. Jimmie Davis,
47th Flying Training Wing career
assistance adviser, at 298-5456 for guidance.



Laughlin Salutes

Promotions

To lieutenant colonel:

♦ Michelle Miller Peck, 47th Contracting Squadron Commander

To master sergeant:

♦ Jeff Scott, 47th Communications Squadron

To senior airman:

♦ Fred Rote, 47th Communications Squadron

2002 AETC Maintenance Effectiveness Award
♦ 47th Contracting Squadron

Decorations

Air Force Achievement Medal
♦ 2nd Lt. Scott McEwan, 47th Communications Squadron

Re-enlistments

♦ Master Sgt. Jeff Scott, 47th Communications Squadron
♦ Staff Sgt. LeKeith Dixon, 47th Communications Squadron

Awards

19th Air Force Instructor Pilot of the Year

♦ Capt. Sean Morgan, 84th Flying Training Squadron

Shopping at base exchange benefits Laughlin

By Airman Timothy J. Stein
Staff writer

Want to improve life around Laughlin? Shop at the base exchange.

For every dollar spent at the base BX or the shoppette, four cents is given back to Laughlin for various programs, said Helene Hamel, BX manager.

"For the year 2000, the base got back \$191,243," said Hamel. "So far for 2001 we have already returned \$178,246, and we still have one month to go in our year."

The money from the BX goes to support the base with things such as new fitness centers and child care centers, said Hamel.

"Basically, [the money] goes to anything that Services deals with," she said. "It improves the quality of life on base. Recently, we had the new child care center built. The funds to build that came from the BX."

One of the problems the BX has, however, is that a lot of people would rather shop elsewhere, such as the Randolph BX, because there is more merchandise there, said Hamel.

However, shopping at the Randolph BX means the money goes to Randolph's base programs – not Laughlin's.

To deal with that problem, Hamel said the management has taken steps to improve the BX.

"We are trying to improve the merchandise in the store by renovating the store," said Hamel. "Our

"I hope these improvements create excitement in the store and make the customers realize we are here for them."

--Helene Hamel
Laughlin Base Exchange manager

new fixtures will be in next month. These fixtures will create more room for merchandise because they are taller."

There will be many other improvements, Hamel added.

A courier is going to be hired to pick up merchandise from stores in the San Antonio area twice a week, making it unnecessary for people to



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Tech. Sgt. Luis Franco, 47th Security Forces Squadron training NCOIC, shops at the base exchange Thursday.

take their shopping to those stores.

A station will be placed within the mall area where shoppers can access the Internet and order any AAFES merchandise online.

A direct phone line to the catalog sales department is also going to be installed so customers can or-

der from the catalog right at the store.

"I hope these improvements create excitement in the store and make the customers realize we are here for them," said Hamel. "We want to be their first choice for all their shopping needs."

Tax advice given

By Janice Bush

47th Flying Training Wing tax program manager

Don't walk into your unit tax representative's office or show up at the base tax center with a disorganized batch of papers and hope for the best.

Instead, gather all the paperwork and information you have that may pertain to your federal income tax return, including the following: social security cards for spouses and dependents, along with their dates of birth; all forms W-2; form 1099, interest and dividend information; day-care provider information, including amounts paid and tax ID numbers; form 1098, mortgage interest statements; and last year's federal tax return, including any worksheets (if you have a copy).

Your representative will also need the total dollar amount paid for each day-care provider and the total dollar amount paid for each child. The same goes for cash and non-cash charitable contributions.

To electronically file your tax return, you will need your bank's routing number and your account number. A blank check or deposit slip will have these numbers and help expedite your federal tax return.

For more information about the base tax center, call Janice Bush at 298-4858.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Color of victory

Emily Franco (left), daughter of Doris and Tech. Sgt. Luis Franco, 47th Security Forces Squadron training manager, and Erin Wilcox, daughter of Dana and Maj. Jeff Wilcox, 86th Flying Training Squadron instructor pilot,

color pictures at the Book Mark Library Feb. 22. Emily and Erin won the "Be My Valentine" coloring contest sponsored by the library and Pepperoni's. Both girls received a free pizza for their award-winning work.

Training the WORLD'S BEST PILOTS

Instructor Pilot Focus

Name: Capt. Derek Martin
Squadron: 86th Flying Training Squadron

Pilot Training Base: Columbus Air Force Base, Miss.

Date of Graduation:
January 1998

Aircraft you flew and base you were stationed before

Laughlin? C-130, Ramstein Air Base, Germany

Mission of your primary aircraft? Theater airlift, Europe and Africa

What is the most important thing you learned at pilot training besides learning to fly? Don't forget to have fun with your buddies.

What advice would you give SUPT students at Laughlin? Don't forget the big picture – silver wings.



Martin

Students take on challenge of earning wings

By 2nd Lt. Amy Hansen

AETC News Service

The room is absolutely silent. Under the tables are 12 rows of boots freshly shined to a mirror-like finish. The battle-dress uniform creases could slice a stick of butter. Blank notebooks and brand new pens sit in front of 24 nervous, young officers who are each rehearsing boldface emergency procedures in their heads.

The silence is suddenly shattered as a jovial senior officer walks into the room with a stack of blank boldface quizzes in his hand.

"I'm Maj. Chuck Boothe, and I'd like to welcome you to the first day of undergraduate pilot training," he says as he begins passing out the first test of the grueling yearlong quest for a set of silver wings.

Every three weeks, about 30 new students begin at Columbus Air Force Base, Miss., what some consider the toughest training in the Air Force: joint specialized undergraduate pilot training. The scene is very similar at Laughlin, Sheppard AFB and Vance AFB, Okla., Air Education and Training Command's other JSUPT bases.

For many young officers, flying started as a dream.

"It's all I ever wanted to do," said 2nd Lt. Alan Meadows, who underwent heart surgery in order to pass the medical for pilot training. After graduating from college with a computer science degree, he decided he needed "to do something more significant."

In the process of applying to Officer Training School, doctors told him he was disqualified for flying duty because of a rare condition that could cause heart failure under stress. The surgery was successful and he was approved for a pilot slot.

"I knew my life suddenly had purpose," Meadows said. "There's nothing I wanted to do more than become an Air Force pilot."

In addition to overcoming a medical condition, 2nd Lt. David McDonald also had to survive four years at one of the toughest schools in the United States, the Air Force Academy. Just to get in, he needed a congressional nomination, several interviews, a medical exam and an extensive application.

Although he was accepted and knew he would graduate as an officer, he had no hopes of becoming a pilot.

"I never thought it was an option

because I had 20/300 vision," he said.

Having planned on a job as a hospital administrator, he was notified his senior year that laser surgery to correct his poor vision had been approved. Three thousand dollars of his own money and a few months later, McDonald had 20/10 vision and a pilot slot at Columbus.

For other people, like 2nd Lt. Sean Canfield, the ambition to fly seemed like a pipe dream for years. Just last year, he worked in avionics maintenance on C-5s, C-17s and C-141s at Elmendorf AFB, Alaska. He told the story of the day he found out his application to OTS and pilot training arrived.

"My wife called and said she locked her keys in the car on base," Canfield said. "I thought to myself, 'Not again!' So I got there and my wife, the colonel and my chief were all in a room and the colonel said, 'Hey, how would you like to fly for the Air Force?' I cried when I found out, right there in front of my wife and the first shirt."

But not every new student has always dreamed the Air Force dream. Second Lt. Lee Kostick swore he wouldn't follow in his father's footsteps.

"My whole life, I wasn't going to go in the military," he said.

When he received an Air Force Reserve Officer Training Corps scholarship to Auburn University, he started to change his mind. In order to apply to be a pilot candidate, Kostick had his academic grades, physical fitness scores, commander's rating and standardized test scores scrutinized. He then competed with ROTC students across the country for a coveted pilot training slot.

After being awarded the slot and his commission, he was stationed at Eglin AFB, Fla., to serve eight months as a casual lieutenant while waiting for a JSUPT slot. This is a common situation because of the backlog of students waiting to begin class. While at Eglin, Kostick was required to complete introductory flight training to earn his private pilot's license in 90 days. A few weeks ago, he arrived at Columbus with 50 flight hours under his belt and a heart full of ambition.

Hundreds of students like these will soon pick up sharpened pencils to complete their boldface on the first day of JSUPT. In the words of Kostick, "I'm ecstatic, pumped up, ready to flap my wings and fly!"

Interested in the Air Force? Call Del Rio's Air Force recruiter at 774-0911.



Chapel Schedule



Catholic

Saturday 5 p.m., Mass

Sunday ● 9:30 a.m., Mass
● 11 a.m., Little Rock Scripture
Study in Chapel Fellowship Hall

Thursday 6 p.m., Choir

Tuesday- ● 12:05 p.m., Mass

Friday ● 12:05 p.m. and 7 p.m., Holy Days
of Obligation

Reconciliation Before Sunday Mass, Wednesday
from 7 to 9 p.m. and by appointment

Religious Education/

Bible Study 11 a.m. and noon Sunday

Jewish Call Max Stool at 775-4519

Muslim Call Dr. Mostafa Salama at 768-9200

Nondenominational

Friday 7 p.m., Unity in Community Services

Protestant

Sunday 11 a.m., General worship

Wednesday ● 12:30-2:15 p.m., Women's
Bible study at chapel
● 7 p.m., Choir at chapel

**For more information on chapel
events and services,
call 298-5111.**

The *XLer*

Hometown: Fort Recovery,
Ohio

Family: Mother, Kathy;
father, Paul; sister, Amy;
brother-in-law, Jason;
brother, Jeff; fish, Boon-
doggie and Master

Time at Laughlin:
5 months

Time in service: 1 year,
2 months

***Name one way to improve
life at Laughlin:*** Have a
base theater

Greatest accomplishment:
Being the XLer

Hobbies: Watching my
favorite TV show, "Sex and
the City"

Bad habit: Smoking

Favorite film:
The Breakfast Club

Favorite musician:
Lauryn Hill

***If you could spend one
hour with any person, who
would it be and why?***

Carrie Bradshaw. She is
an inspiration to all women
and a great role model.



Photo by Airman Timothy J. Stein

Airman 1st Class Carrie Staugler
47th Security Forces Squadron
commander's support staff

Sportslines

Volleyball season to begin

Intramural volleyball season begins at Laughlin in April. Letters of intent can be picked up at the XL Fitness Center and are due March 25.

A coaches meeting will be at 2 p.m. March 28.

For more information, call the XL Fitness Center at 298-5326 or 5251.

Three-point shoot-out set

The XL Fitness Center will host the annual March Madness three-point shoot-out at 3 p.m. March 16. Prizes will be awarded for first and second places in the men's and women's categories.

For more information, call the XL Fitness Center at 298-5326 or 5251.

Fitness center ready to train

The XL Fitness Center currently has four qualified fitness instructors on staff for your fitness and strength-training needs.

For those interested in any of the various aspects of fitness, including cardiovascular, strength and endurance training, call the XL Fitness Center at 298-5326 or 5251.

Bowling standings

<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Points</u>
Boeing	100-68	DeCA	86-82
OSS	97-71	CE	80-88
FTW	96-72	Commtracting	60-108
Services	94-74	SFS	59-109



Paintball field hours are from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturdays only. Use of the paintball field is authorized only during these hours. For more information, call 298-5830.

XL Fitness Center hours

Monday – Thursday:
5 a.m. to midnight

Friday:
5 a.m. to 8 p.m.

Saturday, Sunday, Holidays:
9 a.m. to 8 p.m.



Basketball standings



Eastern Conference		Western Conference	
<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>	<u>Team</u>	<u>Record</u>
84/85th Tweets	7-0	CES	6-1
87th Talons	6-1	LCSAM	4-3
47th SFS	5-2	Med Group	4-3
LSI	2-5	86th Rios Lobos	3-4
47th OSS(1)	2-5	Support Group	2-5
Comptroller	0-7	47th OSS(2)	1-6

Poor health, lost income, jail, discharge...**Ecstasy?**
Maybe they should change the name.